

**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES  
Monday, February 25, 2008 (7:00 PM)**

The Providence School Board meeting was called to order by Board president Mary McClure at 5:30 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present:

Bob Wise  
Grace Gonzalez  
Jill Holloway  
Maila Touray  
Mary McClure  
Philip Gould  
Rosanna Castro

Board Members Absent:

Katherine McKenzie  
Ronnie Young

1. Call to Order at 5:30 PM

**2. Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1)Personnel; (a)(2) Collective Bargaining; (a)(9) Grievances**

RECOMMENDATION: Seek to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and superintendent's evaluation, CGCS Review. Convene in Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (NCLB); RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9) Grievances

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Holloway Moved, Member Castro seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Seek to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and superintendents evaluation, CGCS Review. Convene in Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (NCLB); RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9) Grievances'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0

**Motion Approved**

3. Re-Convene Meeting at 7:00 PM: Board secretary Wise read the welcoming statement to the public in attendance at the meeting.

Report Executive Session Votes: NO votes taken in executive session.

4. Overview of Meeting: Board president McClure provided highlights of the evening's agenda.

5. Superintendent's Opening Comments>

**6. Approve School Board Agenda**

The School Board may vote to approve any revision, adoption, and/or ordering of the Agenda. The Superintendent may withdraw, note changes or amendments to agenda items at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of meeting agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Grace Gonzalez) Moved, Member (Maila Touray ) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of meeting agenda as presented.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. **Motion Approved . 7 - 0**

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7. Public Comment

<b>Name</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
Osiris Harrell	Support for Superintendent	
Alexis Firsty	Job loss – Feinstein Art Position	alexisfirsty@yahoo.com
Mara O'Day	Support for teacher	510-910-6957
Carolyn Lorenzo	Support for teacher	401-228-8969
Ellen Smith	Support for teacher	401-421-5485
Cynthia Soares	Support for teacher	
David Ashley	Support for teacher	412-848-4151
Melissa Joseph	Support for teacher	
Steve Smith	Art Teacher Job Process	PTU

**POLICY & PLANNING**

8. Board Management Oversight Policy - 1st Reading

Introduced by Board member Gould. Board comments suggested that establish the operational priorities and T & L priorities with a recommended timeline for monitoring reports and in-depth review.

9. Board Workshop Policy -- 1st Reading

Introduced by Board member Castro. Board comments indicated that perhaps the workshop policy could be incorporated in the management oversight policy. The Board will consider options on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

10. Reform Governance in Action Communications Plan

Presented by Chief Communications Officer Kim Rose and Media Specialist Christina O'Reilly. Board comments indicated approval of plan overall. Staff will meet with Board on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to prioritize Board member participation.

11. NECAP Fall 2007 Test Results

Present by Research and Assessment Consultant, Lisa Mehlig. Of particular note:

- ✓ Reading (grade 3 -8): Trend data indicate an increase in percent proficient across a three-year period and fewer students in the *substantially below proficient* level.
- ✓ Mathematics (grades 3 - 8): Overall 28% of students are proficient or high in math.
- ✓ Writing (grades 5 & 8): District-wide, 28% of students scored *proficient or higher* in writing in 2007 compared with 24% in 2006; district-wide, 34% of students scored *substantially below proficient* in writing in 2007 compared with 42% in 2006.
- ✓ Scaled scores used to make comparisons among students, schools and districts indicate that no grade achieved the proficient level in reading, math, or writing; however some grades did demonstrate positive gains.

12. Recommendations for Davies Brickell Policy Rescission/Revision - 1st Reading

Presented by Deputy Superintendent/COO Tomas Hanna. Many of the personnel policies currently in place are no longer credible due to collective bargaining agreements, however there were several other recommendations for revisions and updating. New policy and policy revisions will be presented prior to a second reading for policy rescissions.

13. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

All items under the **Consent Agenda** are adopted by a single motion unless a member of the School Board or the Superintendent requests that an item be removed and voted on separately. Consent items are considered routine and do not require discussion prior to the vote.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends School Board approval of consent agenda items.

Member (Jill Holloway) Moved, Member (Maila Touray ) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Superintendent recommends School Board approval of consent agenda items.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

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**14. Home School Candidates**

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends the School Board approve Home School Candidates

**15. School Board Minutes**

1.24.08 Minutes (as amended)                      2.11.08 Minutes  
1.24.08 Executive Session Minutes              2.11.08 Executive Session Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend School Board approval of minutes

**16. Personnel Actions**

- ✓ Non-Renewals,
- ✓ Personnel Actions & Assignments
- ✓ Non Renewal of Teaching Contracts: More Senior May Occupy, Job Fair, Student Enrollment LTS 1st Semester 68 Days
- ✓ LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status
- ✓ LTSP/Change of Status
- ✓ LTSP New Hire
- ✓ Rescission of 07-08 Spring Sport Coaching Positions
- ✓ Athletic Coach

RECOMMEND School Board Approval

**REPORT ON PERSONNEL**

**17. My Learning Plan Manager**

Kristi Bond, MLP Manager, Effective 3/12/2008; Salary \$55,301.00

Recommend School Board Approval

Motion: Member (Jill Holloway) Moved, Member (Maila Touray ) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend School Board Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. **Motion Approved . 7 - 0**

**18. District Strategic Planner** -- NOTE CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mary Doyle, District Strategic Planner, Effective 3/26/08 Salary \$82,001.00

Recommend School Board Approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Rosanna Castro) Moved, Member (Grace Gonzalez) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend School Board Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. **Motion Approved . 7 - 0**

**19. Facilitator of Planning, Improvement and System Accountability**

Andrea Castaneda; Facilitator of Planning, Improvement and System Accountability; Salary \$80,130.00

Recommend School Board Approval

Motion: Member (Jill Holloway) Moved, Member (Rosanna Castro) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend School Board Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. **Motion Approved . 7 - 0**

**20. Elementary Assistant Principal**

Joseph Cappuccilli, Assistant Principal/Veazie, Effective 3/3/08, Salary \$84,193.

Recommend School Board Approval

Motion: Member (Maila Touray ) Moved, Member (Philip Gould) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend School Board Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

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**REPORT ON CONTRACTS**

**21. Exchange City Contract**

RECOMMENDATION: Administrator recommends Board approval.

**22. Memorial Hospital Neuro-Developmental Center Dept. of Pediatrics/Neuro-Developmental Evaluations**

RECOMMENDATION: Administrator recommends Board approval.

**23. CONTRACT APPROVALS**

The contracts are presented by Superintendent Donnie W. Evans for School Board consent and approval, authorizing the Superintendent to seek bids (if applicable) and award contracts through the Board of Contract and Supply. All contracts will be adopted by a single motion unless a member of the School Board or the Superintendent requests that a contract be removed and voted on separately.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the contracts as presented.

Motion: Member (Maila Touray ) Moved, Member (Grace Gonzalez) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Administration recommends approval of the contracts as presented.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. **Motion Approved . 7 - 0**

**24. Central Office Review for Results and Equity (CORRE)**

CORRE is a facilitated process of self-review to improve central office practice in ways that provide better support for teaching and learning in the schools.

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved, the School Board endorses the Superintendent's recommendation to participate in the Central Office Review in partnership with the Annenberg Institute for School Reform during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Motion: Member (Jill Holloway) Moved, Member (Maila Touray ) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Resolved, the School Board endorses the Superintendents recommendation to participate in the Central Office Review in partnership with the Annenberg Institute for School Reform during the 2007-2008 academic year.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

**Motion Approved . 7 - 0**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- ✓ Quarterly Facilities Report presented by CFO Mark Dunham
- ✓ Council of Great City Schools Final Report

**GOVERNANCE**

The Board reviewed committee assignments and deadlines for Reform Governance in Action work products.

**FUTURE MEETINGS REVIEW**

**30. Adjourn Meeting at 9:25 pm**

Member Wise Moved, Member Gonzalez seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend motion to adjourn.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 **Motion Approved**

**31. Retirements/Resignations:** List of recently received resignations and/or retirements for informational purposes only. No action required